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1. REFTEL ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION OF CANADIAN REQUEST FOR HARMONIZATION OF RATES ON PORTION-CUT BEEF. CANADA'S INTEREST IS IN SO-CALLED PORTION CONTROL STEAKS, WHICH ARE INDIVIDUAL STEAKS PACKED 12 OR SO TO THE BOX (SOMETIMES CALLED "BOXED BEEF"). THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS RULED THAT SUCH STEAKS ARE DUTIABLE UNDER THE PROVISIONS FOR MEAT "PREPARED OR PRESERVED" IN TSUS 107.60. (SEE TSUS HEADNOTE 1(B) OF SCHEDULE 1, PART 2, SUBPART B FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A DEFINITION OF "PREPARED OR PRESERVED.")

2. IN PAST TRADE AGREEMENTS THE U.S. AND CANADA HAD HARMONIZED, OR "MATCHED" RATES ON CERTAIN LIVE CATTLE (1.5 CENTS) AND ON FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN BEEF (3 CENTS). THE CANADIAN TARIFF HAS NO COUNTERPART TO A PROVISION COVERING BEEF SPECIALLY CUT BUT NOT

OTHERWISE PRESERVED. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOC SEES PORTION CONTROL BEEF AS A RATE DISPARITY PROBLEM, AND IT SEEKS U.S. REDUCTION DOWN TO THAT FOR BEEF FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN. SUCH HARMONIZATION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY FOR THE U.S. TO ACCOMPLISH.

3. TSUS 106.10 PROVIDES FOR "MEAT, FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN, OF CATTLE" AT A RATE OF 3 CENTS PER LB. (5.1 PERCENT AVE). THE U.S. HAS OFFERED A REDUCTION TO 3.4 PERCENT AVE ON THIS ITEM. TSUS 107.6020 PROVIDES FOR "OTHER BEEF AND VEAL, PREPARED WHETHER FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN, BUT NOT OTHERWISE PRESERVED, VALUED OVER 30 CENTS PER LB." MEAT ENTERING UNDER THIS PROVISION IS DUTIABLE AT 10 PERCENT AD VALOREM. THE U.S. DID NOT MAKE AN OFFER JANUARY 23 ON THIS SEVEN DIGIT ITEM AS NO REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER, NEW ZEALAND. SINCE THEN, NEW ZEALAND HAS MADE A REQUEST FOR A 60 PERCENT REDUCTION, I.E., TO 4 PERCENT AD VALOREM. THIS REQUEST IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

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